

REMARKS

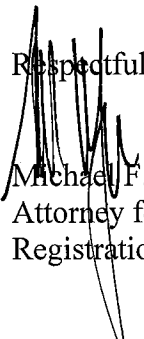
In the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006 from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 18 and 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,964,727; claims 1-6 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 14, 16 and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,565,714; claims 1-58 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 31-49 of copending Application No. 10/983,417; claims 1-6, 8, and 9-58 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-5 and 7 of copending Application No. 11/111,480; claims 1-58 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 11/396,982. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the attached terminal disclaimers.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the amendments made herein do not add new matter and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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